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OF AN
INTENDED ACT,

For the better REGULATION of the NIGHTLY
WATCH and BEADLES within the City and
Liberty of WESTMINSTER, and Parts ad-
jacent,

AND

For other Purposes therein mentioned.

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Enacted by His Majesty's most Excellent Majesty King George the Third

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TO THE
INHABITANTS
OF THE
CITY AND LIBERTY
OF
WESTMINSTER, &c.

GENTLEMEN;

THE Welfare of Society depends upon securing the Honest and Industrious from the Violence of Thieves and Robbers, and as the Night is the Season in which they put in Practice their Schemes of Villainy, the Consequence of an effectual Watch must be immediately apparent.

IN respect to some Parts of the Town, there is no other Law now subsisting, than the antient Statute of Winchester, passed in the Time of Ed. I. for Watch and Ward: A GENERAL PLAN, therefore, for that Purpose, would certainly be of great public Utility.

THE City of WESTMINSTER, &c.
 (a considerable Part of this Metropolis)
 is under no proper Regulation. To
 remedy which Defect, I have drawn
 up the following BILL, which has
 undergone the Examination of most
 of the VESTRY-CLERKS these last
 two Years; and flatter myself it is
 sufficiently perfect to pass into a Law
 the ensuing Sessions: I hope it will
 meet with your Approbation, and in
 its Execution answer the Good in-
 tended. If any thing hereafter should
 occur, so as to make Alterations neces-
 sary, I will take the Liberty of sub-
 mitting the same to your Consideration.

And am,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

Nov. 1773.

Humble Servant,

C. WHITWORTH.

N. B. Annex is a Summary of the Plan to shew the
 Difference between the present Method and the one
 here proposed.

S U M M A R Y

OF THE

P L A N

For an Effectual and Uniform

N I G H T L Y W A T C H,

WITH PATROLES

FOR THE

City and Liberty of WESTMINSTER, and Parts adjacent.

NAMES OF THE PARISHES.	Present Watch- men.	Proposed Watch- men not less than	Pre- sent Pa- troles.	Propd. Patrls. not less than	Di- visions
St. Margaret and St. John	48	40		6	3
St. Martin in the Fields	45	40		6	3
St. James	56	50		8	4
St. George Hanover-Square,	63	60		8	4
St. Anne	25	20		4	2
St. Paul Covent Garden	22	18		4	2
St. Clement Danes	25	20		4	2
St. Mary le Strand	2	2		1	
Precinct of the Savoy	1	1			
St. Giles in Fields & Geo. Bloomf.	18	30		6	3
St. Andrew & St. George Martyr	30	30	6	6	3
Saf. Hill Hat. Garden & Ely Rents	13	12	2	2	
	348	323	8	55	—

The Increase between the present and proposed Number 22.

S U M M A R Y, &c.

The Watchmen and Patroles to be appointed by, and continue under the Direction of their respective Parishes.

The Patroles to be employed during the Winter Months; but the Number as well as the Duty may be augmented at the Discretion of each respective Parish.

The Beadles to patrol the Parish twice every Night, or oftener, to see the Behaviour of the Watch and Patrole, and enter their Report in a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

Constables and Headboroughs to attend at the Watch-House, and take Charge of Persons brought.

The above Plan has been already experieneed with good Effect in the Parishes of St. Andrews Holborn, and St. George the Martyr; and the Bill is formed upon the 10th of George II. for Saffron Hill, &c.

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For the better Regulation of the Title.
Nightly Watch and Beadles
within the City and Liberty of
Westminster and Parts adjacent;
and for other Purposes therein
mentioned:

 **HEREAS** the well ordering Preamble.
and regulating a proper and suf-
ficient uniform Nightly Watch
throughout the City of West-
minster and the Liberties thereof, the
several Parishes of St. Clement Danes
and St. Mary le Strand, as well within as
B without

without the Liberties of the said City and the Precinct of the Savoy, the united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, the united Parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars and Saint George the Martyr, and the Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents, in the County of Middlesex, is of great Importance, and will tend to the Preservation of the Persons and Properties of the Inhabitants thereof, and to prevent as well Mischiefs that may happen by Fires, as Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and other Outrages and Disorders :

And whereas no effectual Provision is, by any Law now in being, made for the establishing, ordering, and well governing such Nightly Watch and Beadles in some Parts of the said District, or for raising, levying, or collecting Monies for defraying the necessary Charges thereof, or for enforcing a due Application and Account of any Monies collected for the Purpose of keeping such Nightly Watch :

And whereas it might tend to the better Security of the Inhabitants of the said District, if the Nightly Watch and Beadles were uniformly ordered and regulated throughout the Whole of the said District and some further Provisions and Powers

Powers were made and given to the Managers or Directors of such Watch and Beadles, than are or have been hitherto made and given to them.

And whereas great Inconveniences respecting the Nightly Watch, in some Parts of the said District, have arisen and are likely hereafter to arise, from the Appointment of improper Persons to be Deputy Constables therein, which might be prevented if such Deputy Constables were to be approved by the Vestries of the respective Parishes, Precincts, and Places for which such Deputy Constables are chosen, and if the Constables and Headboroughs were compellable to observe necessary and proper Regulations during their respective Times of watching :

And whereas it has been found by Experience, that the hiring Men to patrolle the Squares, Streets, Lanes and other Places, within some Parts of the said District, has greatly contributed to the Security of the Inhabitants thereof :

May it therefore please Your MAJESTY,

That it may be Enacted; **and be it Enacted** by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lord's Spiritual and Tem-

Sect. 1.
 The Acts for
 St. James's
 and St.
 George's,
 St. Martin's,
 St. Paul's,
 Covent Gar-
 den, St.
 Margaret's,
 St. John's,
 St. Ann's,
 Saffron Hill,
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 den, Ely
 Rents,
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 Danes's,
 St. Andrew's
 Holborn
 above Bars,
 and St.
 George
 the Martyr,
 continued,
 where not
 altered by
 this Act.

ral, and Commons, in this present Par-
 liament assembled, and by the Authority
 of the same, That, from and after [*the
 Passing of this Act,*] the Powers and Au-
 thorities for the better regulating the
 Nightly Watch and Beadles, created,
 made, and given to the Vestries of the
 several Parishes of Saint James, and Saint
 George Hanover Square, severally and re-
 spectively, in and by an Act of Parlia-
 ment made and passed in the Eighth Year
 of the Reign of his late Majesty King
 George the Second, intituled, "An Act
 " for the better regulating the Nightly
 " Watch and Beadles within the two Pa-
 " rishes of Saint James, and Saint George
 " Hanover Square, within the Liberties
 " of the City of Westminster:" And the
 Powers and Authorities for the like Pur-
 pose created, made, and given to the
 Vestry of the Parish of Saint Martin in
 the Fields, in and by an Act of Parliament
 made and Passed in the Ninth Year of the
 Reign of his said late Majesty, intituled,
 "An Act for the better regulating the
 " Nightly Watch and Beadles within the
 " Parish of Saint Martin in the Fields,
 " within the Liberties of the City of
 Westminster:" And the Powers and Au-
 thorities for the like purpose created,
 made, and given, in and by another Act
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also made and passed in the Ninth Year of his said late Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the Parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden, within the Liberties of the City of Westminster," to the Vestry of the said Parish for the Time being, and certain other Persons nominated, and to be nominated, by and in Pursuance of the last-mentioned Act: The Powers and Authorities for the like Purpose created, made, and given to the Vestries of the united Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist, in and by an Act of Parliament also made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty, intituled, " An Act for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist, within the City and Liberty of Westminster," And the Powers and Authorities for the like Purpose created, made, and given to the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Anne, in and by an Act of Parliament also made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty, intituled, " An Act for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the Parish of Saint

" Anne, within the Liberties of the City
 " of Westminster : " And the Powers and
 Authorities for the like Purpose created,
 made and given to the Trustees elected
 and chosen, and to be elected and chosen,
 by Virtue and in Pursuance of an Act of
 Parliament made and passed in the Tenth
 Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty,
 intituled, " An Act for the better regu-
 " lating the Nightly Watch and Beadles,
 " within the Liberty of Saffron Hill,
 " Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents, in the
 " Parish of St. Andrew Holborn, in
 " the County of Middlesex : " And the
 Powers and Authorities for the like Pur-
 pose created, made, and given to the
 Directors or Governors of the Nightly
 Watch and Beadles, of the said Parish of
 Saint Clement Danes, nominated and
 appointed, and to be nominated and ap-
 pointed, by Virtue and in Pursuance of an
 Act of Parliament made and passed in the
 Fourth Year of the Reign of his present Ma-
 jesty, intituled, " An Act for establishing
 " a regular and Nightly Watch, and for
 " maintaining, regulating, and employ-
 " ing the Poor, within the Parish of
 " Saint Clement Danes in the Liberty of
 " Westminster and County of Middle-
 " sex : " And the Powers and Authorities
 for the like Purpose created, made, and
 given

given to the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the said united Parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars and Saint George the Martyr, nominated and elected, and to be nominated and elected, by Virtue and in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the better
 " regulating and employing the Poor, and
 " for cleansing, lighting, and watching
 " the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other
 " Places, within that Part of the Parish
 " of Saint Andrew Holborn which lies
 " above the Bars, in the County of
 " Middlesex, and the Parish of Saint
 " George the Martyr in the said Coun-
 " ty;" (except only in such Cases and Particulars where the same are herein and hereby varied, altered, or otherwise enacted, provided, or directed) are hereby continued, and shall and may be used and exercised by such Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, Governors and Directors of the Poor, and other Persons within each and every of the said several and respective Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, in and for which they severally and respectively shall be Vestrymen, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, or Governors and
 Direc-

Directors of the Poor as aforesaid, at such Times and in such Manner as by the said several Acts of Parliament the said Powers and Authorities were and are severally and respectively authorized or directed to be used or exercised: And that in and for each and every the said several Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places last mentioned, the Number of Watchmen and Beadles already appointed, shall and may continue for and during the Time for which they have been appointed, and until the several and respective Times by each of the said several Acts of Parliament respectively limited for the Appointment of Watchmen and Beadles; and such Watchmen and Beadles shall and may be paid and allowed such Wages and Allowances as are and have been ordered and directed to be paid and given to them respectively: And that all Rules, Orders, and Regulations, already made and now in Force respecting the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the same Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, respectively, shall continue and be in Force until the respective Times appointed or directed by the said Acts respectively for making new Rules, Orders, and Regulations: And that all and every the Rates already made for the Purposes of each and

and every of the said Acts respectively shall continue and be in Force, and be collected and levied by the Ways and Means, and in such Manner, as the same are in and by such Acts respectively directed to be collected and levied, any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, Governors and Directors of the Poor, and other Persons, chosen and to be chosen as aforesaid, within their several Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places respectively, from Time to Time to set or fix up and place a sufficient Number of substantial Watch Boxes, at and in such convenient Parts of each of their said several and respective Parishes, Liberty, Precinct and Places, as they or [*the Majority*] of so many of them as shall be assembled at any of their public Meetings respectively shall judge necessary or convenient; which Watch Boxes so set or fixed up and placed, or any of them, shall not be taken down or removed by any Person or Persons on any Pretence whatever, without the Order or Consent of the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors, or Governors of the Watch, or Governors or Directors of the

Sect. 2.
Power given
to fix Watch
Boxes, and
Penalty on
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the Poor, or [*the Majority*] of so many of them as shall be assembled at some such public Meeting :

And if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, take down or remove, damage or destroy any or either of such Watch Boxes, every Person so offending, being thereof Convicted, upon the Oath or Oaths of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, or upon his her, or their own Confession, before any one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, or the City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case may be (which Oath such Justice and Justices is and are hereby authorized and empowered to administer) shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding *Twenty Shillings* over and above the necessary Charges of replacing, repairing or making good such Watch Box or Watch Boxes, or any Damage done thereto, together also with all such necessary Charges as aforesaid, to be ascertained before such Justice or Justices in such Manner as he or they shall think fit, and in his or their Discretion in that Behalf require.

Sect. 3.
The Inhabitants of St. Mary le Strand, the Precinct of

That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Inhabitants of the said Parish of St. Mary le Strand, and they are hereby directed

directed and required, to meet together at the usual Place of Meeting for transacting the public Business of the said Parish, on [*the second Wednesday after the passing of this Act*] and annually afterwards on [*the First Wednesday in June*] in every succeeding Year, or within [*Eight Days*] then next following, between the Hours of [*Ten and Twelve*] in the Forenoon, (Notice of such Meeting being for that Purpose given in the Church of the said Parish on the Sunday next preceding, immediately after Divine Service) and then and there by [*the Majority*] of the Inhabitants present at such Meeting, to nominate and chuse [*Twelve*] Inhabitants of the said Parish to be Trustees for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and other the Purposes of this Act, within the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand: And that it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of the said Precinct of the Savoy, and they are hereby directed and required, to meet together at the usual Place of Meeting for transacting the public Business of the said Precinct, on [*the said second Wednesday*] and annually afterwards on [*the First Wednesday in June*] in every succeeding Year, or within [*Eight Days*] then

the Savoy to meet and choose for St. Mary le Strand 12. and for the Precinct of the Savoy 7 Inhabitants for Trustees of this Act, and the Vestrymen of Saint Giles in the Field and Saint George Bloomsbury united, are to be Trustees for this Act, and to meet at the Vestry Room of St. Giles.

then next following, between the Hours of [*Ten and Twelve*] in the Forenoon, (Notice of every such Meeting being for that Purpose given in the Church or Chapel of the Savoy on the Sunday next preceding, immediately after Divine Service,) and then and there by [*the Majority*] of the Inhabitants present at such Meeting, to nominate and choose [*Seven*] Inhabitants of the said Precinct to be Trustees for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and other the Purposes of this Act within the said Precinct: And that the Vestrymen of both the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury jointly shall be Trustees for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and for other the Purposes of this Act, within the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury; which united Parishes last mentioned shall have and hold all their Meetings for executing the Powers and Purposes of this Act at the Vestry Room of the said Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, and shall for the Purposes of this Act, and for every Thing to be done in Pursuance thereof,

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act together, and shall be deemed and taken to be One Parish only.

That the Trustees to be nominated and chosen in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand and the said Precinct of the Savoy, shall severally assemble and meet together at the several usual Places of Meeting for transacting the public Business of the said Parish and Precinct, and the Vestrymen of the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, as Trustees as aforesaid, shall assemble and meet together at the Vestry Room of the said Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields on [*the said second Wednesday after passing this Act*] or within [*Eight Days*] afterwards, and annually afterwards on *the first Wednesday in June* in every ensuing Year, between the Hours of [*Ten and Twelve*] in the Forenoon: And the Vestrymen of the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, Trustees as aforesaid; and such Trustees so to be nominated and chosen in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, and the said Precinct of the Savoy; shall at their said First and other annual Meetings, and the Vestries of the

Sect. 4.

The Trustees, Vestries, &c. of the several Parishes and Places to meet and appoint what Number of Watchmen and Patroles, and also what Number of Beadles they shall judge necessary to be kept in each Parish and Place, according to the Proportions ascertained, as likewise what Wages shall be paid, and direct what Pound Rate shall be paid for the Purposes of this Act.

the said several Parishes of Saint James, Saint George Hanover Square, and Saint Martin in the Fields; and the Vestry and other Persons nominated, and to be nominated, in and for the said Parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden; the Vestries of the said united Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist; the Vestry of the said Parish of Saint Anne; the Trustees elected and chosen, and to be elected and chosen, in and for the said Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents; the Directors or Governors of the Watch for the said Parish of Saint Clement Danes; and the Governors and Directors of the Poor of the said united Parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars and Saint George the Martyr; shall also assemble and meet together, at the several Times in and by the herein before mentioned or recited Acts respectively directed; and every of them respectively shall then and there appoint what Number of Watchmen they shall judge necessary to be kept and employed in each and every of their said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, for the Year then next ensuing, specifying particularly how many of such Watchmen are to have certain Beats and Stands, and at what Places,
and

and how many of them are to patrol, and have no certain Stands, under the following Restrictions and Limitations; (that is to say), In the said united Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist, the Number of Watchmen having Beats and Stands to be [*Forty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Six*] at the least; and in and for the said Parish of Saint Martin in the Fields, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Forty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Six*] at the least; in the said Parish of Saint James, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Fifty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Eight*] at the least; in the said Parish of Saint George Hanover Square, the Watchmen to have Stands or Beats to be [*Sixty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Eight*] at the least; in the said Parish of Saint Anne, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Twenty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Four*] at the least; in the said Parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Eighteen*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Four*] at the least; in the Parish of Saint Clement Danes,
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the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Twenty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Five*] at the least; in the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, as well within as without the Liberties of the said City, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be not less than [*Two*,] and [*One*] to patrol; and in the said Precinct of the Savoy, to be One Watchman; in the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Thirty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Six*] at the least; in the said united Parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars and Saint George the Martyr, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Thirty*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Six*] at the least; and in the said Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents, the Watchmen to have Stands and Beats to be [*Twelve*] or more, and the Watchmen to patrol to be [*Two*] at the least: And the said Trustees, Vestries, and other Persons so met, shall then and there direct and set down in Writing, at what Places particularly the Stands or Watch Boxes shall be fixed or put, and the Extents, Limits, or Boundaries, of the several

veral Beats of every such Watchmen and Patroles; and shall also then and there, or at some other Meeting of the said Trustees, Vestries, or other Persons, to be held within [*Fourteen*] Days then next following, nominate and appoint what Number of Beadles shall be kept within each of the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, in Proportion to the Extent of each respective Parish, Liberty, Precinct, and Place, and to the Monies which can be raised therein by the Rates to be made pursuant to the Directions of the said former Acts, and of this Act; and shall also nominate and choose such honest and able-bodied Men to be employed in the Offices of Beadles and Watchmen as they shall find best qualified for the same: And also, shall and may order what Wages and Allowances are to be paid and given to the said Beadles, and to the said Watchmen respectively, as well Patroles as others, for their Services and Attendances, under and subject nevertheless to the Limitations and Restrictions herein-after expressed and directed: And also, may and shall order and direct what Pound Rate shall be made for defraying the Charges and Expences of such Nightly Watch and Beadles.

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Sect. 5.
Wages of
the Patroles
to be not less
than 1s. 3d.
per Night,
during all
the Time
they are em-
ployed, and
of the
Watchmen
not less than
10d. per
Night, from
the 25th of
March to the
29th of Sep-
tember, and
1s. 2d. from
the 29th of
September to
the 25th of
March.

Provided, That the Wages of every Watchman appointed to patrole as aforesaid, shall not be less than [*One Shilling and Three Pence*] per Night, during all such Time of the Year as he shall be employed, and that the Wages of every Watchman who shall be appointed to a Stand or Beat, shall not be less than [*Ten Pence*] per Night from the [*Twenty-fifth Day of March*] to the [*Twenty-ninth Day of September*] nor less than [*One Shilling and Two Pence*] per Night from [*the Twenty-ninth Day of September*] to the [*Twenty-fifth Day of March*] in every Year, and that the Wages of any of such Watchmen shall not be more than four Weeks in Arrear at any one Time.

Sect. 6.
The Rate
not to exceed
6d. in the
Pound.

Provided That no such Assessment or Assessments, to be made in any One Year, shall exceed [*Six Pence*] in the Pound according to the yearly Rent or Value of the Houses, Tenements, Shops, Warehouses, Cellars, or other Buildings, to be assessed and charged by Virtue of any of the said former Acts or of this Act.

Sect. 7.
The
Watchmen
to be furnish-
ed with Rat-
tles, &c. at
the Expence

That each of the said Watchmen, as well those who shall be appointed to patrole, as those who shall have Stands and Beats, shall be furnished with a Rattle

Rattle and such other Accommodations, and shall be armed with a Staff, or such other Weapons or Arms, to be provided at the Expence of each of the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, as the said Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons authorized to put this Act, or the said former Acts in Execution, shall direct: And that each Watchman to be appointed to a Stand or Beat shall provide himself a Lantern to be numbered in such Part and Manner, as from the Light within may most effectually tend to make such Number distinguishable in the Night Time.

of the Parish
but to provide them-
selves with
Lanterns

That each and every such Watchman, being appointed to a Beat or Stand, shall be and appear at his Stand every Night before the Hour of [Ten] and shall keep Watch at his Stand or in his Beat or Round, from the said Hour of [Ten] until [Five] in the Morning, during all the Months of [May, June, July, and August,] and from [Ten] in the Evening until [Six] in the Morning, during all the Months of [September, October, March, and April,] and from the Hour of [Ten in the Evening until Seven] in the Morning, during all the Months of [November, December, January, and February]; and every such Watchman

Sec. 8.
The Times
of Watchmen
and Patroles
continuing
on Duty.

shall appear and be at the Watch House belonging to each respective Parish, Liberty, Precinct, and Place, at least [*half an Hour*] before he is to be at his Stand, to receive his Rattle, Arms, and other Accommodations, and Candle, (where Candles are allowed) and shall return to the Watch House the next Morning, when the Time for his keeping Watch is expired, to the End that both at Night and Morning his Name may be called over, and the Condition of his Arms, Rattle, and Lantern, may be examined by the Constable or Beadle of the Watch, or other Person to be appointed for that Purpose; and that each and every the Watchmen, who shall be appointed to patrole, shall appear at, and shall set out from the Watch House of the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, in and for which he is employed, in the Evening of [*the First Day of October,*] and every Evening afterward until and upon [*the last Day of April*] in every Year, at [*Eleven*] o'Clock, and shall, (not singly, but) in Company with another, [*Two*] together, and not more, patrole the Whole of the said Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, or such Parts or Divisions thereof as shall be directed and appointed, in each respective Parish,

Parish, Liberty, or Place, where two or more Patroles are directed, continually from that Hour until [Six] o'Clock in the Morning, during the Whole of the several Months of [*December, January, and February,*] and until [Five] o'Clock in the Morning, during the several Months of [*October, November, March, and April,*] and until [Four] o'Clock in the Morning, during all or so much of the other Months as such Patrole Watchmen respectively shall be employed. And that the Watchman appointed to patrole the said Parish of St. Mary le Strand, with respect to the Times of coming to, and going from the Watch House, the Hours of Watching, and all other Matters and Things, (save only the patrolling in Company with another Patrole Watchman) shall observe the aforesaid Rules, Orders, and Regulations.

Provided, That the said Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons, or any of them, are not required, nor shall be compellable, to employ any such Patrole Watchmen for any other Parts of any Year than during the several Months of [*October, November, December, January, February, March, and April*] And within the said Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hat-

ton Garden and Ely Rents during the several Months of November, December, January and February only.

Sect. 9. The Constables of St. Clements, and St. Mary le Strand, to watch in the WatchHouse in the said Parishes, alternately, and the Constables of the other Parishes to watch in their respective Watch Houses, during such Time as the Watchmen continue on Duty, in order to take Charge and dispose of such Persons as shall be brought before them, and the Turns on Rotation in which each Constable shall watch, to be settled by the Vestries, Trustees, &c.

That the Constables appointed, and to be appointed, in and for the said Parishes of Saint Clement Danes and Saint Mary le Strand, shall watch in the Watch-Houses of the said Parishes, as well within as without the Limits of the Dutchy of Lancaster, alternately and by Turns, in a Rotation to be settled by the said Directors or Governors of the Watch for the said Parish of Saint Clement Danes, and the Trustees to be chosen in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand as afore-said jointly, at some Meeting of the said Directors or Governors and Trustees, to be held for the Purposes of this Act, and as if such Constables were or had been chosen Constables for all Parts of both the said Parishes; and all and every such Constables in the said Watch Houses, and in each and every other of the Parishes, Precincts, and Places, subjected to the Powers of this Act (the Precinct of the Savoy only excepted) each and every of the Constables and Headboroughs shall watch in the Watch House of the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, in and for which he shall serve as Constable or Headborough, alternately and by Turns, in a Rotation to be settled and ascertained by the said Vestries

Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons aforesaid, and shall continue so to do throughout the Year, during all the Hours herein and hereby appointed for the Watchmen having Stands or Beats to watch and continue on Duty, and shall take Charge and dispose of, according to Law, all such Persons as shall be brought before such Constables or Headboroughs by any of the Watchmen or Beadles, in Manner herein and hereby directed :

And for the more easy ascertaining and settling the Rotation or Turns in which such Constables and Headboroughs are to watch as aforesaid, **Be it Enacted** that the High Constable for the City and Liberty of Westminster for the Time being, and the High Constable for Holborn Division in the County of Middlesex for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby required within [Four] Days next after the appointment of Constables and Headboroughs, in and for the several Parishes, Liberty, Precinct and Places, respectively included in this Act, within their respective Districts, to make and return to the Vestry Clerk of each of the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct and Places, a true List of the Constables and Headboroughs so appointed for such Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place respectively.

Sect. 10.
In order to settle the Rotation of Constables and Headboroughs watching, the High Constables are to return to the Vestry Clerks Lists of the Persons appointed.

That

Sect. 11. The Watchmen to cry the Half Hours and to see whether Houses &c. are well secured, as likewise to prevent Mischiefs, and apprehend Persons disturbing the Public Peace.

That every Watchman (other than and except such as are appointed to patrol) shall every Night [*Half-hourly*] during his whole Time of watching, go round his Walk or Beat, and loudly, and as audibly as he can, call or proclaim the Time of the Night or Morning; and every such Watchman, and every other Watchman appointed to patrol as aforesaid, shall carefully observe and try whether the Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or other Buildings in his respective Beat or Walk, are safe and well secured; and in Case he shall discover and perceive that any Doors, Shutters, Windows, or other Parts of any such House, Shop, Warehouse, or Building, shall not be shut and fastened, he shall forthwith give Notice thereof to the Occupier or other Person or Persons inhabiting or being therein, to the End every such Door, Shutter, Window, or other Part of such Building, may be properly secured, and shall give his best Assistance in or toward securing the same; and each of the said Watchmen, as well Patroles as others, and every Beadle, shall, during his respective Time of watching, to the utmost of his Power, endeavour to prevent, as well all Mischiefs happening by Fire, as all Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Affrays, and other Outrages and Disorders; and

and to that End, during the Time of Watching, each and every of them shall and may, and is hereby authorized and impowered, to arrest and apprehend all Night Walkers, Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, and other loose, idle and disorderly Persons, whom he shall find within his Beat or Walk disturbing the public Peace, or that he shall have Cause to suspect of any evil Designs, and Persons lying or loitering in any Square, Street, Court, Lane, Mews, Yard, Alley, Passage, or Place, and to deliver the Person or Persons so apprehended, as soon as conveniently may be, to the Constable or Headborough of the Night at the Watch House, in order that such Person or Persons may be there, or in some proper Place of Safety, secured and detained until he, she, or they can be conveniently conveyed before some or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be, to be dealt with according to Law.

That in Case any One or more of the said Watchmen shall want any Assistance to enable him or them to perform any Part of the Duty herein and hereby required to be by him or them done, then and in every such Case any other of the

Watch-

Sect. 12.

Where Assistance is wanted, other Watchmen of the same or adjoining Parish, to repair thereto,

upon a Signal
given for that
Purpose,

Watchmen of the same or any adjoining Parish, Precinct or Place, having Knowledge or Notice thereof by the Rattle, or other Signal Outcry, or otherwise, shall and may, and is hereby required, immediately to repair to and assist such Watchman or Watchmen wanting Assistance, by the best Ways and Means in his or their Power, and as the Case may require; but that no Watchman, during the Time of keeping Watch as aforesaid, shall be absent from his particular Stand, Beat or Walk, on any Pretence whatever, except on some such Occasion or Occasions as is or are above expressed, nor longer on any such Occasion as before expressed than the Necessity of the Case shall require, nor shall go into any Alehouse or other Public House during the aforesaid Times of Watching, unless called there to or on Account of an Affray, Breach of the Peace, or of the apprehending some Malefactor or disorderly Person.

Sect. 13. The
Beadles to
patrole every
Night Twice
or oftner, to
see the Beha-
viour of
Watchmen,
and Patrole,
and to make
Report there-
of to the

That One or more Beadle or Beadles, on every Night of his and their Watching, shall [*Twice*] or oftner, go and patrole in and through all the Squares, Streets, Lanes and Places, in the Parish, Liberty, or Precinct, in which he shall watch and shall see to the Behaviour of the Patroles and other Watchmen, and shall, Twice, or oftner, in every such Night

Night of Watching, make true and just Returns and Reports to the Constable or Headborough of the Night of all Misbehaviours and Neglects of Duty (if any) of such Watchmen, as well Patroles as others, who shall be found negligent or remiss in the Duty of Watching, or misbehaving in any Manner howsoever; and such Returns or Reports shall enter or cause to be entered in a Book or Books to be kept at the Watch House for that Purpose, by such Beadle or Beadles, or other Person to be appointed to keep and take care of the same: And that each and every of the said Patroles shall also [*Twice,*] or oftner, in every Night watch and see to the Behaviour of the other Watchmen, and shall make true and just Returns or Reports to the Constable, Headborough or Beadle of the Night, of all Neglects of Duty or other Misbehaviour (if any) of all other the Watchmen, and shall enter or cause to be entered such Returns or Reports in the said Book or Books, which Book or Books shall be laid before the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, and Governors and Directors of the Poor for the Time being, and before the Committee to be appointed as herein directed, at every of their Meetings, to the End all such

Constables of the Night, and such Report to be entered in a Book kept for that Purpose at the Watch-house, and to be laid before the Vestries, Trustees, &c. and at their Meetings.

such Neglects of Duty and Misbehaviours may be enquired into and punished pursuant to the Powers of the said former Acts and of this Act.

And for the more general Knowledge of the Residence of the Turncocks of the several Water Companies which very materially concerns the public Safety in Cases of Fire, **Be it Enacted** That every of the said Turncocks employed within the Limits of this Act, shall, and they are hereby required within [*Fourteen Days after the passing the same Act*], to deliver in Writing to some or One of the Constables or Headboroughs of each and every the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct and Places, respectively, wherein any Part of his Duty, as a Turncock, shall or ought to be performed, an account of his Name and Place of Abode, together with the Names of the Streets and Places within his Duty, from Time to Time, to supply with Water, which Name and Place of Abode, and other Particulars, every such Constable, or Headborough, shall forthwith cause to be written, printed or painted in a plain and intelligent Manner, and affixed in some conspicuous Part of the Watch-house, and in every Watch Box of and within such Parish, Liberty, Precinct and Place,

Sect. 14.
Turncocks to deliver their Names and Places of Abode, as likewise the Names of the Streets and Places within their respective Divisions, to be fixed up in the Watch-Houses and WatchBoxes.

Place, respectively; and that on every Removal or Change of Residence, or Place or Places of Duty, of such respective Turncocks, every of such Turncocks shall severally forthwith give Notice and deliver an Account in Writing of his and their new Residence or Abode and new Duty, and such other Particulars as aforesaid, to a Constable or Headborough of each and every the Parishes, Liberty, Precinct and Places, wherein such his Duty, or any Part thereof, as a Turncock, shall or ought to be performed as aforesaid; every of which Constables or Headboroughs shall, and he is hereby required to Cause the same to be either in Writing, Printing or Painting, affixed in Manner aforesaid in the Watch-House, and in every Watch Box, of and within the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, and Place, for which he shall be a Constable or Headborough, and so in like manner as often as such Changes of Residence and Duty respectively, shall, from Time to Time happen, and in Case of the Death or discharge of any such Turncock or Turncocks, every succeeding Turncock, shall, in all respects, observe and conform himself and themselves to the foregoing Rules, Orders and Regulations, and if any Constable, Headborough, or Turncock shall neglect his
Duty

Duty as directed and required by this Act, or if any Person or Persons shall wilfully remove or obliterate any such Writing, Printing or Painting as aforesaid, except on such Change of Residence, Death or Discharge as aforesaid, such Constable or Headborough, Turncock, or other Person or Persons, shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay to the Informer, the Sum of [*Ten Shillings*,] to be recovered before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be.

Sect. 15.
Watchmen
misbehaving
or neglecting
their Duty,
to forfeit not
exceeding
20s.

That if any or either of the said Watchmen shall misbehave himself, or themselves, or shall neglect his, or their Duty, upon Complaint thereof made to the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, Governors and Directors of the Poor, at any of their Meetings, or to the Committees to be appointed, as herein directed, at any of their Meetings, every Watchman so misbehaving or neglecting, shall, for every such Misbehaviour or Neglect, forfeit such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, Governors or Directors of the Poor, or [*the Majority*] of them, or the said Committees, or
the

[*the Majority*] of them at any such Meeting assembled, shall adjudge and think fit to exact and require, not exceeding [*Twenty Shillings*], to be retained and deducted out of the Wages then due or to become due to such Watchman.

That if any Victualler, or Keeper of any public House or Cellar, shall knowingly harbour or entertain, or permit any Watchman having a Stand, or appointed to patrol, to abide or remain in his or her House or Cellar, during any Part of the Hours or Times of watching herein and hereby appointed; or if any Constable or Headborough shall make Default of watching, and shall not watch and abide in the Watch House during all the Hours and Times hereby directed and appointed for keeping Watch; every such Victualler, or Keeper of any public House or Cellar, being convicted by his, or her own Confession, or by the Oath of such Watchman, or of one or more other credible Witness or Witnesses, of knowingly harbouring and entertaining, or permitting any such Watchman so to abide; and every such Constable or Headborough making such Default of watching as aforesaid, being thereof convicted by his own Confession, or by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before

Sect. 16.

Keepers of Public Houses permitting any Watchman or Patrol to remain in their Houses during any Part of their Time of watching, forfeit 20s. for the first Offence, 40s. for the second, and 5l. for the third, and every subsequent Offences, and likewise Forfeitures for Constables Neglect of Duty, and how Penalties and Forfeitures are to be recovered and applied.

before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be, (which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and impowered to administer) shall forfeit and pay the pecuniary Forfeitures herein-after expressed and directed; that is to say, every such Victualler, or Keeper of a public House or Cellar, for the first Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of [*Twenty Shillings*], and for the second Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of [*Forty Shillings*], and for the Third and every subsequent Offence shall forfeit and pay the Sum of [*Five Pounds*] and every such Constable shall forfeit and pay, for every such Default of watching, or Absence from the Watch House, for the Space of [*One Hour*] and less than [*Three Hours*], the Sum of [*Five Shillings*], and for the Space of [*Three Hours*] and less than [*Five Hours*] the Sum of [*Ten Shillings*], and for the Space of [*Five Hours*] or more, the Sum of [*Twenty Shillings*]: And that each and every the said pecuniary Forfeitures, and all and every other pecuniary Forfeiture and Forfeitures, which shall be incurred or become payable for any Offence or Offences against this Act, or any of the said former Acts, shall and may be levied by

vied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex or the said City and Liberty of Westminster, to be directed to any Constable, Headborough, or other Peace Officer, of the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, wherein each and every such Offence or Offences was or were committed, for which the Forfeiture or Forfeitures was or were incurred; and shall, when levied, (except the beforementioned Penalty on Constables, Headboroughs, Turncocks, and others, for Offences against this Act, so far only as relates to the fixing up the Names of the Turncocks in Watch Houses and Watch Boxes) be paid to the Collector or Collectors of the Rate and Rates to be made by virtue and in pursuance of the said former Acts and of this Act, and be applied (except as aforesaid) to the same Uses as the Monies to be collected by or upon such Rate and Rates are to be applied, in the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, wherein each and every the Offences aforesaid shall be committed. And in case of no sufficient Distress, whereby to levy the Penalties, or any or either of them, inflicted by this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices respectively,

before whom the Offender or Offenders shall be convicted, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the common Goal or House of Correction, to hard Labour for such Time, not exceeding Three Months, as such Justice or Justices in his or their Discretion shall think fit.

And the Justice or Justices before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted in manner prescribed by this Act, shall cause every such respective Conviction to be drawn up in the Form, or to the Effect following, (that is to say)

(to wit,) "Be it remembered, that on this Day of in the Year of the Reign of

A. B. is convicted before Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, or for the City and Liberty of Westminster, (as the Case shall happen to be) of and do adjudge him, (her or them, as the Case shall be) to pay and forfeit for the same the Sum of being the First, (Second or Third) Offence, as the Case shall be. Given under

the Day and Year aforesaid." And the said Justice or Justices before whom such Conviction shall be had, shall cause the same, so drawn up in the Form aforesaid,

to be fairly written upon Parchment, and transmitted to the next General or Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, to be filed and kept amongst the Records of the said General or Quarter Sessions. And in Case any Person or Persons, who shall hereafter be convicted of any or either of the Offences punishable by this Act, or any or either of the said former Acts, shall conceive him, her, or themselves to be aggrieved by such Conviction, that then, and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful for such Person or Persons respectively, and he, she, or they shall and may appeal to any General or Quarter Session of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Middlesex, within three Calendar Months, next after every such Conviction, giving unto the Justice or Justices before whom such Conviction shall be, Ten Days Notice at the least, of his, her, or their Intention to prefer such Appeal, and on every such Appeal, the Justices in such General or Quarter Session, or in any subsequent General or Quarter Session for the said County, shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to the Hearing and final Determination of the Matter of the said Appeal, and to make such

Order therein, and award such Costs to be paid, by and to either Party, as they in their Discretion shall think fit; which said Order shall be binding and conclusive on all Parties, and such Appeal, or the Subject Matter thereof, or any Order therein, shall not be removed by any Writ or Writs of Certiorari, or otherwise.

Sect. 17.
The Evidence of Parishioners to be admitted to prove any Neglect, Refusal, Misbehaviour, or Offence against this Act.

That in Order to the Conviction of any Person or Persons of any Neglect, Refusal, Misbehaviour, or Offence, by or for which, by force or virtue of any of the said former Acts or this Act, any Forfeiture or Penalty shall or may be incurred, the Evidence and Testimony of any Parishioner or Inhabitant of the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, wherein such Neglect, Refusal, Misbehaviour, Offence, or Cause of Forfeiture or Penalty arose, shall be admitted, notwithstanding such Parishioner or Inhabitant shall and may be assessed and contribute to the Rates to be made pursuant to the said former Acts or this Act, or other parochial Rates or Taxes whatever, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the more effectually preventing the Appointment of improper Persons to be Deputy Constables within the City

City and Liberty of Westminster, **Be it enacted**, that from and after the passing of this Act, no Person whatever shall be appointed a Deputy Constable in and for the said City of Westminster, or Liberty thereof, who shall not at the Time of such Appointment be an Householder, and Resident in the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, for which he shall be appointed, and who shall not produce a Certificate, or Testimonial in Writing, signed by the Churchwarden, or Chapelwarden of such Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, signifying that he hath been approved at some Vestry, or other Public Meeting of the Inhabitants, having a Right to assemble in Vestry in such Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, in and for which such Person shall be so appointed a Deputy Constable.

Sect. 18.
To prevent Appointment of improper Persons to be Deputy Constables.

That the Vestrymen of the said Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, jointly as one Vestry, or any [*Seven*] or more of them, in and for the Whole of the said united Parishes, and the Trustees to be elected and chosen as aforesaid, in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, or any [*Five*] or more of them, and the Trustees to be elected and chosen as

Sect. 19.
St. Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury to be as one Vestry for the Purpose of this Act.

aforesaid in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, or any [*Five*] or more of them, and the Trustees to be elected and chosen as aforesaid in and for the said Precinct of the Savoy, or any [*Three*] or more of them, in and for the said Parishes and Precinct, severally and respectively shall and may, and are hereby impowered and required, from Time to Time to use and exercise the same or like Powers, to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations, to be observed by the Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and Watchmen, and to cause Copies or Transcripts of all such their Rules, Orders, and Regulations, to be written or printed, and signed by the Vestry Clerk of the said several Parishes and Precinct respectively, and delivered to such Person or Persons respectively, and to make and sign Assessments on such Persons, and to be allowed in the same Manner, and to appoint such Collector and Collectors thereof, and to order Payment of any Monies in the Hands of any Collector or Collectors, and to apply or direct the Application of Monies levied, raised, or collected, upon or by virtue of any Rate or Rates so to be made; and the Surplus Money collected on any Rate or Rates to carry on and apply.

apply, and to carry on the Deficiency of any Rate or Rates, and to cause to be kept such Books of Account of the total Sums assessed, collected, and received, and of all Monies paid and disbursed for or any way concerning the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and Charges incident thereto, and to do, perform, and execute, all such other Powers, Authorities, Acts, Matters, and Things, about and concerning the Nightly Watch and Beadles, and the assessing, raising, levying, and collecting Monies to defray and discharge the necessary and reasonable Charges thereof, within their several and respective Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, and Saint Mary le Strand, and the said Precinct of the Savoy, as the Trustees elected and chosen, and to be elected and chosen, by virtue and in pursuance of the said Statute of the Tenth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, or any [*Seven*] or more of them, are by the said Statute, and this present Act impowered or required to use and exercise, nominate or appoint, make and sign, order or direct, do, perform, and execute, in and for the said Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents, at such Time and Times, and in the same or like Manner

Manner, and as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same Powers and Authorities thereby enacted, and given to the said Trustees elected and chosen, and to be elected and chosen, in and for the last-mentioned Liberty, were herein expressed, enacted, and given to the said Vestrymen, for the said united Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, to be by them, or any [*Seven*] or more of them, used and exercised in their said united Parishes, and to the Trustees to be elected and chosen as aforesaid, in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, to be by them, or any [*Five*] or more of them, and to the Trustees to be elected and chosen as aforesaid, in and for the said Precinct of the Savoy, to be by them or any [*Three*] or more of them, used and exercised within the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand and the said Precinct of the Savoy respectively.

Sect. 20.
The Govern-
ors of St.
Clement
Danes and
the Trustees
of St. Mary
le Strand,
may assemble
in the Vestry
Room of St.

That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors or Governors of the Watch for the said Parish of Saint Clement Danes, and the Trustees to be elected and chosen in and for the said Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, if they, or [*the Majority*] of them, shall agree, and so think fit, to Assemble and meet together,

ther, attended by the Vestry Clerks of both the the said Parishes, [*Annually,*] or oftener, in the Vestry Room of the said Parish of Saint Clement Danes, by general Summons of the whole of them, or other Notice to be agreed upon at the Time or Times in and by the said Statute of the Fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign appointed for the making general Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the Government of the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Parish of Saint Clement Danes; and the said Directors or Governors and Trustees, or [*the Major Part*] of them so assembled, may and shall, if they shall so think fit, join together, and as One Body make and set down in Writing such and the same Rules, Orders, and Regulations, to be observed by the Constables, and by the Nightly Watch and Beadles, of and in both the said Parishes of Saint Clement Danes and Saint Mary le Strand, as well all such Parts thereof as are and lie in the Duchy of Lancaster in the County of Middlesex, as in the Liberty of Westminster, during their respective Times of Watching, as at every such Meeting shall be agreed upon by [*the Major Part*] of such Directors or Governors and Trustees then and there assembled; and to cause Copies or

Clement's
and make
Orders as
One Body, if
they think
fit.

Transcripts

Transcripts of such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, to be fairly written or printed and signed by both of the Vestry Clerks, to be delivered to the Constables and Beadles of both the said Parishes.

Sect. 21.
Persons refusing to be Collectors of the Rates, to forfeit *Ten Pounds*,

That in case any Person or Persons hereafter to be nominated or appointed a Collector or Collectors of any Rate or Rates or any Part or Parts of such Rate or Rates to be made by Virtue or in Pursuance of this Act, or of any of the former Acts herein-before mentioned, shall refuse, or for the space of [*Six Days*] after Notice in Writing of such Nomination or Appointment given to or left for him or them at his or their usual Place or Places of Abode, together with the Rate or Rates or Part or Parts of such Rate or Rates of which he or they shall be so appointed a Collector or Collectors, shall neglect to take upon him or them to execute the Office of Collector or Collectors of such Rate or Rates, or Part or Parts of such Rate or Rates; every Person so refusing or neglecting to execute the said Office, shall forfeit the Sum of [*Ten Pounds*,] to be [*levied*] in such Manner, and to be paid to such Person or Persons, and applied to the same Uses, as the several pecuniary Forfeitures of *Twenty Shillings* [*Forty Shillings, and Five Pounds*] are herein and hereby directed to [*levied*,] paid, and applied.

That

That upon every Neglect or Refusal to act as a Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, or if any Collector shall die or move out of the Parish, Liberty, or Precinct, in and for which he shall be so nominated or appointed; it shall and may be lawful to and for the Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons, hereby or by any of the said former Acts authorized and impowered, to nominate and appoint a Collector or Collectors, or any [*Seven, Five, or Three,*] of them, as the Case shall be, to meet in their usual Place of Meeting as aforesaid; Notice of such Meeting being given in the Church or Chapel as aforesaid, as the Case shall be; and to nominate another Person to be Collector in the room and stead of every such Person so removing, dying, refusing, or neglecting to act as aforesaid.

Sect. 22.
Upon Neglect, Refusal, Death, or Removal of Collectors, the Vestries, Trustees, &c. to appoint others,

That the said Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons authorized to exercise the Powers of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act, or any Number of them, hereby, or by any of the said former Acts impowered to nominate and appoint such Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, shall and may, if they shall so think fit, out of the Monies to be collected by and out of the Rates or Assessments to be made and collected as aforesaid, make such

Sect. 23.
Allowance (if any) for Collecting not to exceed Six-pence in the Pound, of the clear Money collected.

such Allowance or Allowances to such Collector or Collectors respectively, for his or their Trouble in collecting the same, as they shall think fit, not exceeding [*Six Pence*] in the Pound of the clear Monies collected by such Collector or Collectors.

Sect. 24.
Collectors,
who accept
Allowance
for collect-
ing, to enter
into Bond
with Vestries,
Trustees, &c.

Provided, That every such Collector who shall accept, or agree to accept, any Allowance for collecting any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall give security by Bond, with (*Two*) sufficient Sureties, in a sufficient Penalty, to (*Three*) or more of the Vestry, Trustees, Directors or Governors, or other Persons, authorized to execute the Powers of this Act, and of the said former Acts respectively, well and faithfully to account for and pay the Monies by them collected or otherwise received, to such Person or Persons as the said Vestries, Trustees, or other Persons authorized as aforesaid, or (*a Majority*) of them assembled at any of their Meetings, shall authorize and direct to receive the same.

Sect. 25.
Method of
Rating
Houses let in
different
Apartments
to Lodgers,
or Inmates,
and how to
berecovered.

That if any House or Tenement shall be occupied in different Apartments, Rooms, or Lodgings, by distinct and separate Families, Lodgers, or Inmates, any one or more of such Lodgers or Inmates, or any one of any such Families, or the Landlord or Owner of such House or Tenement, shall be charged with the whole Assessment

Assessment or Assessments to be rated and assessed on the said House or Tenement : And in Case of Nonpayment, the Sum so to be assessed shall and may be [*levied and recovered*] upon, from, or against such Landlord or Owner, or any one or more of the Inhabitants or Occupiers of any Part or Parts of such House or Tenement, in the same or like Manner as other Rates or Sums to be assessed by the Assessment and Assessments directed by this Act, or any of the said former Acts, to be made, are herein, or in and by the said former Acts, appointed to be [*levied and recovered*.]

That the Goods and Chattels within the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places respectively, shall be liable to be [*distrained, taken, and sold*], for the Payment of the Assessment and Assessments to be made by the Authority of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act ; and that each and every Person and Persons who shall pay any such Assessment or Assessments, whether the same shall have been charged to or on the Person paying the same, or to or on any other Tenant or Occupier of any separate Apartment, Room, or Lodging, Part of such House, or on the Landlord or Landlords of such House, or any Person upon whose

Sect. 26.
Lodgers or Occupiers of Houses, let ready furnished; paying the Rate, may deduct the same out of their Rent.

whose Goods or Chattels such Assessment or Assessments shall be [*levied*] in pursuance of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable from Time to Time to his or her Landlord or Landlords; and every Receipt for the Payment of such Assessment or Assessments shall be a sufficient Discharge from and against such Landlord or Landlords for so much Money, in Part or on Account of Rent, as shall have been so paid or [*levied*] on his or her Goods and Chattels, in Pursuance of this Act, or any of the said former Acts.

Sect. 27.
Rate of
Houses let to
Ambassadors
to be paid by
the Land-
lords.

Provided, That every Rate, Tax, or Assessment, which shall be made or imposed by virtue of this Act, or of any of the said former Acts, on any Person or Persons, for or in Respect of any House or Tenement in which any Ambassador, Resident, Agent, or Public Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, or any Officer or Servant of any Ambassador, Resident, Agent, or Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, now doth, or hereafter shall inhabit or occupy, shall be paid by the Landlord, Lessee, or Owner of such House or Tenement, who shall be subject and liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as if he, she, or they, had been

been the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, and actually named and assessed in such Rate or Assessment: And such Tax, Rate, or Assessment, and every other Tax, Rate, and Assessment which, any Landlord or Owner of any House or other Tenement is by this Act, or any of the said former Acts, made liable to bear or pay; and also every Tax, Rate, or Assessment, which shall be assessed or any Person or Persons, chargeable by any of the said former Acts, or this Act, who, after the making such Assessment, shall move out of the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, for which such Rate or Assessment shall have been made, leaving the Sum or Sums so assessed in Arrear and unpaid, shall and may be [levied] by the Collector or Collectors thereof, by [Distress and Sale] of the goods and Chattles of such Landlord or Owner, or other Person or Persons assessed as last aforesaid, wherever such Goods or Chattels may be or can or shall be found, in Manner herein after directed.

That if any Person or Persons who shall be charged, rated, or assessed, any Sum or Sums of Money, by any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made in pursuance of this Act, or any of the said former Acts, shall refuse

Sect. 28.
Rates to be
levied by
Warrant of
Two Justices
of the Peace.

or

of neglect to pay the Sum so rated and assessed upon him, her, or them, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Collector or Collectors of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or of any Part thereof, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hands and Seals of two or more Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be, inhabiting in or near the said several Parishes, Liberty, or Precinct, respectively to [levy] the same by [*Distress and Sale*] of the Goods of the Party so neglecting or refusing, rendering to him, her, or them, the Overplus (if any be), the reasonable Charges of making such [*Distress and Sale*] being first deducted.

Sect. 29.
Goods may
be distrained
in another
County, if
not sufficient
found in
Middlesex or
Westminster.

And for the more effectual getting in and receiving the Monies to be assessed by virtue of this Act, or any of the said former Acts, **Be it Enacted**, that the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons assessed, and refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, may under and by virtue of such Warrant as aforesaid, be taken and distrained, not only within the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, for which such Assessment was made, but in any other Place within the said County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster,

Westminster, as the Case shall be, and if sufficient Distress cannot be found within the said County, Then, on Oath made thereof, and of the due Execution of such Warrant before any Justice of the Peace for any other County, City, Riding, Division or Liberty, (which Oath shall be certified under the Hand of such Justice, by Indorsement on the said Warrant.) the Goods and Chattels of such Person and Persons as aforesaid, shall and may, by such Collector, under and by Virtue of such Warrant and Indorsement thereon as aforesaid, be taken and distrained, in such other County, City, Riding, Division, or Liberty, and sold for Satisfaction of the Monies so refused or neglected to be paid as aforesaid, and all reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale in the same or like Manner, and as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes, and with like Application of the Surplus, (if any) as if such Goods and Chattels had been found, taken, and distrained, within the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, in and for which such Rate or Assessment was made.

And whereas Persons frequently remove out of Parishes and Places, without paying the Rates assessed on them, and other Persons do enter and occupy
 E their

Sect. 39.
 Where
 Persons re-
 move, and
 others come
 into the same.

House, each
to pay for
the Time
they occupy.

their Houses or Tenements Part of the Year, by Reason of which great Sums are annually lost to such Parishes and Places, **Be it therefore Enacted,** That in Case any Person or Persons shall come into, or occupy any House, Land, Warehouse, Wharf, Tenement, or Hereditament, out of, or from which any other Person assessed shall have removed, or which at the Time of making such Rate was empty and unoccupied, that then every Person so removing from, and every Person so coming into, or occupying the same, shall respectively be liable to pay, and shall pay, so much of the said Assessment as shall be in Proportion to the Time he, she, or they shall respectively inhabit, or occupy the Premises so assessed, in the same or like Manner, and with and under the same or like Powers of Distress for Recovery thereof, as is or are herein before given, directed, or contained, in common Cases of Nonpayment of such Rates or Assessments, which said Proportion, in Case of Dispute, shall be ascertained by any Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Sect. 31.
No Settlement gained
by Payment

That no Person or Persons, who shall be charged in, or pay any Rate or Assessment, to be made by virtue or in pursuance

fuance of any of the said former Acts; or of this Act, or who shall be chosen a Beadle, Patrole, or Watchman, shall be deemed or construed thereby to gain any Settlement in the Parish, Liberty, Precinct, or Place, in and for which such Rate or Assessment was made, or in or for which he was so chosen Beadle, Patrole, or Watchman; and no Person being a menial or hired Servant, shall be capable of being chosen a Beadle, Patrole, or Watchman during the Time of his continuing in such Service.

That all and every Person or Persons, who shall, in pursuance of this Act, or any of the said former Acts, be appointed to receive from the Collector or Collectors of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made in pursuance of any of the said former Acts, or to be made in pursuance of this Act, the Money collected or levied by virtue of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall from Time to Time pay over the Monies arising from the same, to such Watchmen, Beadles, or other Persons, at such Time and Times, and in such Proportions as the Vestrymen, Directors, or Governors of the Watch, Governors and Directors of the Poor, or Trustees for the said Parish, Sect. 32.
Collectors
to account
with Vestries, Trustees, &c.

Liberty, Precinct, and Places, or any
 [Three, Five, Seven], or more of them
 authorized to exercise and execute the
 Powers of this Act; and the said former
 Acts respectively as aforesaid, shall ap-
 point; and shall then, upon the several
 Days and Times in and by the said for-
 mer Acts severally and respectively for
 that Purpose limited and appointed,
 else on [the Five-and-twentieth Day
 of July] Yearly, unless the same shall
 be upon Sunday, and then upon [the Six-
 and-twentieth Day of July] (or often
 if required) make and yield up to the
 said Persons authorized and empowered
 as aforesaid, a true and perfect Account
 of all Sums of Money by them received
 and paid; and also pay and deliver in
 the Hands of such Person or Persons
 whom such [Three, Five, Seven],
 or more Persons authorized respectively
 as aforesaid, shall appoint to receive the
 same, all such Sums of Money as shall
 remain in their or any of their Hands.

Sect. 33.
 Vestries,
 Trustees, &c.
 to choose
 Committees.

That the said Vestries, Trustees, Di-
 rectors or Governors of the Watch, and
 Governors and Directors of the Poor,
 each and every of the Parishes, Libe-
 ty, Precinct, and Places aforesaid,
 their several and respective Meetings
 for appointing the Number of Watch-
 men and Beadles to be employed
 aforesaid

aforesaid, or [*the major Part*] of such of them as shall be then met and assembled, shall and may, if they shall so think fit, nominate and choose any Number of them the said Vestrymen, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, or Governors and Directors of the Poor, as they respectively shall think fit, not exceeding [*Ten*] nor less than [*Five*] to be a Committee, to have Continuance for [*One Year*] from thence next ensuing, and no longer; and that the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, and Governors and Directors of the Poor, may and shall meet [*Four*] Times in every Year, or oftener if they shall see fit; and that the said Committee shall meet [*Monthly*] or oftener if they shall think fit, at the usual Place of Meeting for transacting the public Business of each and every the said Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places, on [*the First Wednesday*] in every Month at a certain known stated Hour, and as well the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, and Governors and rectorsof the Poor respectively, or [*the Majority*] of them present at every their said [*Quarterly*] or other Meetings, as the said Committees or [*the Majority*] of them present at every the said [*Monthly*] or other Meetings may and shall, and are hereby

impowered to summon or call before them all and every the Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, Patroles and other Watchmen, and to examine into and censure or reward their good or ill Behaviour respecting the Nightly Watch, and to hear and redress Complaints, and to give all necessary and occasional Directions, and to see to the due Payment of the Wages and Allowances to be made and given to such Patroles and other Watchmen, and to encourage the Attendance of supernumerary Watchmen, to the End such Supernumeraries (if thereto required) may go upon Duty as Watchmen, instead of such of the more constant Patroles, or other Watchmen, as by Means of Sickness, or for any other Cause, shall not attend, by making to such supernumerary Watchmen, (whether they shall be so employed or not), such pecuniary Allowances as they respectively shall judge fit and reasonable for their Attendances.

Sect. 34.
Orders of
Committees
subject to the
Controul of
Vestries,
Trustees, &c.

Provided, That all and every the Acts, Orders, and Directions, of every the said Committees respectively, shall be subject to the Controul, Alteration, or Revocation, of the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors, or Governors of the Watch, and Governors and Directors of the Poor respectively, at their next or other

other subsequent Meetings; and shall continue in Force until such Meetings and no longer, unless approved of and confirmed by the said Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, and Governors and Directors of the Poor respectively, or [*the Majority*] of them present at their next Meeting, after the making such Acts, Orders, and Directions.

Provided That every such supernumerary Watchman, during all such Times as he shall watch and be employed and go upon Duty, instead of any Patrole or other Watchman, shall have like Powers and Authority in all Cases, as are given to any Patroles or other Watchmen, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to the like Forfeitures for Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty, as the Watchmen and Patroles to be appointed by any of the said former Acts, or this Act, are hereby subjected and made liable to.

That it shall and may be lawful for the said several Vestries, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, Governors and Directors of the Poor respectively, or so many of them as are by any of the said former Acts or this Act, impowered

Sect. 35.
Supernumerary Watchmen to have the like Powers, and be under the same Regulations as other Watchmen.

Sect. 36.
Vestries, Trustees, &c. impowered to make Rates at intermediate Times.

impowered to make Rates as aforesaid to meet together at any intermediate Times in every Year as Occasion shall require; Notice of such Meetings being given in the Church or Chappel of the said several Parishes, Liberty, Precinct, and Places respectively, as before directed; and to make a Rate or Assessment upon all and every Person or Persons who shall become Occupier or Occupiers of any House, Tenement, Shop, Wharf, Warehouse, Cellar, or other Building, in every of the said Parishes, Liberty, or Precinct, respectively, after the Rate for that Year or Half Year shall have been made and assessed as aforesaid; which Rate and Assessment being allowed and confirmed by [Two] or more Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be, shall and may be [*raised, levied, and collected*], by such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as the before-mentioned Rate is directed to be [*raised, levied, and collected*], by any of the said former Acts, respecting such Parish, Liberty, or Place, or by this Act.

Sect. 37.
Persons under this Act
not liable to
watch or
ward.

Provided That no Person or Persons who shall be rated to, and pay any Rate or Rates to be made in pursuance of this Act, shall be liable to watch or ward by
virtue

virtue of the Statute, commonly called the Statute of Winchester, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King Edward the First, or any other subsequent Statute relating thereto, but shall be and are hereby discharged of and from the same.

Provided That if any Person or Persons shall find him, her, or themselves, aggrieved, by any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue or in pursuance of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act; then upon Appeal to the next general Quarter Session* or General Session of the Peace to be holden for the said County of Middlesex, which shall be first held after [*Fourteen Days*] after Notice of such Rate or Demand made of the Sum thereby rated or assessed; Notice of such Appeal being given to, or left for the Collector of such Rate [*Six Days*] at the least before the First Day of such Session; it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, or the greater Number of them then assembled at and in such General Quarter Session or General Session, to make such Order therein as to them shall seem meet; which said Order shall be final, and conclude all Parties, and such Appeal, or the Subject Matter thereof, or any Order therein,

Sect. 38.
Persons
aggrieved by
Rate may ap-
peal to Gene-
ral or Quar-
ter Sessions,
whose Order
to be final.

in, shall not be removed by Writ of Certiorari or otherwise.

Sect. 39.
Persons neglecting or refusing to Account, to be Committed.

That all Money whatsoever to be collected or received by virtue of this Act, or any of the said former Acts, shall be applied and applicable to the defraying of the Expences of the said Nightly Watch and Beadles; and other Charges incident thereto; and if any Collector or Receiver, to be appointed by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to give a just Account, or to pay the Monies remaining in his Hands to any Person or Persons authorized to receive the same, it shall and may be lawful for any [Two] Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex, or City and Liberty of Westminster, as the Case shall be, upon Complaint to them made by any One or more of the said Vestrymen, Trustees, Directors or Governors of the Watch, or Governors and Directors of the Poor, to whom the said Collector or Receiver shall be accountable by virtue of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act, and Proof thereof made upon Oath by One or more credible Witnesses or Witnessess (which Oath the said Justices are hereby authorized and impowered to administer) by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to commit such Collector or Receiver to [the
Common

Common Gaol,] there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall have made a true Account, and shall also have satisfied and paid such Sum or Sums of Money as upon the said Account shall appear to be remaining in his Hands.

That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of any of the said former Acts, or of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of any Default or Want of Form in the Warrant or Warrants of Distress, or any Proceedings relating thereto, nor be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons agrieved by such Irregularity may recover (*full*) Satisfaction for the special Damage only, by Action on the Case.

That no Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made or to be made by virtue of any of the said former Acts or of this Act; or any Proceeding to be had touching any Order made or to be made, or any other Matter or Thing done or to be done or transacted, in or relating to any Complaint or Appeal, or any Order
or

Sect. 40.
Distress not deemed unlawful on Account of Default or want of Form in the Warrant.

Sect. 41.
Rate not to be quashed for want of Form.

or Determination thereon, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form, or be removed into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster by Certiorari, or by any other Writ or Process whatsoever, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sect. 42.
No Plaintiff
to recover
for Irregularity, if sufficient Tender of amends is made.

Provided That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed, or caused to be committed, every or any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, if he, she, or they, shall so think fit, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Order and Judgment, shall be made or given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Sect. 43.
Actions to be commenced within Three Months.

That if any Action or Suit shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance

Pursuance of any of the said former Acts, or of this present Act, that every such Action or Suit shall be commenced within [Three] Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County of Middlesex, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and any of the said former Acts, and the Special Matter in Evidence on any Trial to be had thereupon; and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of any of the said former Acts, or of this present Act: And if it shall appear so to be done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County, City, or Place, that then, and in such Case, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have, and may recover, [treble] Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same

same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

Sect. 44.
This Act
deemed a
Public Act.

That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be Judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges and Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.



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